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Student charged with mail theft, harassment

BY DEBRA PETKUS-PERRY
NEWS EDITOR

An MSU student charged with stealing a female student's mail and sending her harassing communications that included a gift of garter panties, will soon find himself in court.

Anthony E. Pitman, 21, of 108 Cannell Hall was arrested on Feb. 5 by campus police for allegedly stealing mail from the Regents Hall post office box of 19-year-old student Tiffany Hopkins.

He was charged with two counts of theft of mail, a Class D Felony, and two counts of harassing communications, a Class B Misdemeanor.

He pleaded not guilty before Rowan County District Judge John Cox on Feb. 8 and was released on 10 percent of a \$5,000 cash bond, plus \$2,000 with the stipulation that he have no contact or communication with Hopkins.

The preliminary hearing scheduled for Monday had been postponed due to the judge being sick. The hearing had not been rescheduled as of Tuesday.

Hopkins said at one time she had

been a roommate of Pitman's girlfriend but had moved out after Thanksgiving.

Some of her mail, however, went to that box, which is still assigned to Pitman's girlfriend.

According to the criminal com-

plaint filed in Rowan District Court by Officer Howard Curtis of the MSU campus police, Pitman is accused of stealing an envelope on Jan. 29 that contained two checks which had been mailed to Hopkins.

According to the police report,

Pitman took the envelope to his room, opened it, tore up both checks and mailed them and pieces of the check to Hopkins in another envelope.

On Feb. 2, Pitman allegedly took an envelope containing a letter from Hopkins mother, opened the envelope, tore it up, and mailed the pieces of her mother's letter to her, along with another letter which he (Pitman) had composed.

In his letter, Pitman commented on how "stupid" Hopkins parents and grandparents were, according to

the report. Hopkins said the letter from her mother that Pitman intercepted had been sent to her new room number. When she received it in pieces, however, the envelope was not included.

According to the criminal complaint, Pitman admitted to Officer Curtis that he took the letters and sent harassing mail to Hopkins.

The harassing communications occurred, according to the criminal complaint, when Pitman mailed Hopkins two separate letters.

In one Pitman stated he had been

watching Hopkins and her roommate in their dorm room by the use of a telescope.

According to the police report, Pitman mailed a pair of "g-string" panties to Hopkins and suggested the girls put them on so he could view them through the dorm window.

Hopkins told *The Trail Blazer* that Pitman had done things before, such as leaving a nasty message.

She said, though Pitman did not sign the typewritten letters, she "had

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Campuses prone to mail problems

BY DEBRA PETKUS-PERRY
NEWS EDITOR

"Theft and tampering of mail is a federal offense," says Toni Hopkins, Morehead Post Office Supervisor of Customer Services.

The Trail Blazer contacted Hopkins after an MSU student was recently arrested and charged with theft of another student's mail.

"Problems are somewhat common at universities, since there are so many different people handling the mail," Hopkins said.

Hopkins said the Morehead County Post Office handles all of the mail to the residential halls, while the campus post office delivers mail to the

offices on campus.

"What we do is sort the mail according to the route, or dorm," Hopkins said. "Then we deliver one full tub of mail, which may include magazines, to the dorm mail room."

"It's then up to the university people to get the mail to the post office boxes," Hopkins says.

The biggest complaint, she said, is that sometimes students don't put the mail up right away.

She said that is dealt with through the housing office, since RA's often put the mail up, and that office schedules workers.

Hopkins said sometimes there could be a scheduling conflict.

Spring hasn't sprung!!!



Photo by Chris Lebeck

Aaron Smith scraped snow and ice from his car on campus last Friday. Students who were during their spring break last Thursday when the temperature hit 75 degrees awoke to 20 degree temperatures and their cars covered with snow the next day.

Campus rape investigated

BY DEBRA PETKUS-PERRY
NEWS EDITOR

Campus officials are dealing internally with a rape complaint reported on Feb. 14, according to Pauline Young, University Communications director.

MSU Public Safety Manager and Chief of Police, Richard Green referred *The Trail Blazer* to Young's office for information.

Young said she did not know all the facts, and that the investigation

was still in progress. She referred *The Trail Blazer* to the office of Mike Mincey, dean of Student Life.

Mincey could not be reached for comment about the rape case, but in a recent interview he talked about how his office deal with students who were charged in a criminal case, either on campus or off.

"In general terms it depends on the situation," Mincey said. He said his office, along with Myron Doan,

reviews each case to see if there is a "threat to the university community."

Mincey said sometimes a student might perform community service, or if there is sexual university violation, stronger actions will be taken.

"We've got our finger on most of them," Mincey said. "We watch very carefully and follow up police reports, or incidents reported to us through housing."

Hicks has new lawyer; defense strategy won't change

BY DEBRA PETKUS-PERRY
NEWS EDITOR

Though the trial date for Charles Hicks was moved back because he obtained a new lawyer, the counsel for Charles Hicks says he will continue basically the same defense as previously planned.

A trial date of Jan. 25 had originally been set for Hicks, former MSU professor charged with kidnapping, aggravated kidnapping, and felony assault of a Bozeman, Montana woman in April, 1998.

The trial was moved to April 5 to give Hicks' new attorney, Charles Watson, time to familiarize himself with the case.

Watson told *The Trail Blazer* that after reviewing the case, not much will change.

"There was a pretty good foundation laid," Watson said of the work done previously by attorney William Bartlett.

And while Watson said he wasn't sure why Hicks decided to change lawyers — it is Hicks third — he said he hopes to be "a little bit more

pro-active and supportive."

Watson said his main issue is to deal with the criminal charges, and that he hopes to have the two charges of burglary and kidnapping dismissed.

"At the trial we will show he was not let into the house with the intention to hurt anybody, but simply lost his temper," Watson said.

Watson is hoping the charges will be dismissed or changed to straight assault, he said.

Hicks is accused of forcing his way into the home of Marcie Fitch, a 20-year-old Montana State

University student, restraining her and assaulting her with a stun gun.

Hicks is receiving "intensive counseling," Watson said, adding "he's seeing a psychologist at least once weekly."

Watson said Hicks has been diagnosed with a type of depression called "major depressive syndrome."

Watson said Hicks is also receiving treatment for kidney and heart problems that he has had for several years.

"He's on a lot of medication,

some of which may have contributed to this problem," Watson said.

Hicks' bail is set at \$200,000 and he could be released under strict conditions, including no access to a computer, if he posted \$200,000 cash bail.

In earlier legal wranglings, a plea to suppress evidence was entered by Bartlett to dismiss evidence obtained by the Kentucky State Police.

Gallatin County (Montana) Judge Mike Salvagni ruled that all the items seized can be used as evi-

dence.

These items include a stun gun, video tapes and photos of young college girls taken from Hicks' MSU office and home computer, a zip disk and more than 700 disks found hidden in the overhead ceiling panels of Hicks' Morehead home. These disks contained pornographic material depicting violence against women and necrophilia of strangled and drowned women.

Watson said he plans on coming

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MSU music professor Andrew Carlson

Music professor's talents are diverse Carlson is expert on violin, fiddle, mandolin, steel guitar

BY GARY TACKETT
STAFF WRITER

If trying to label the musical style of MSU music professor Andrew Carlson, one would have to use the term versatile.

Carlson, who teaches "violin, viola and string ensemble, also teaches folk and country music and loves to teach out toe-tapping tunes on the fiddle.

Carlson, 30, was born in Iowa City, Iowa, but grew up in Georgia and calls it home. As a child, Carlson says he was exposed to the fiddle by his grandfather.

"He would play for hours everyday, just because he loved playing," Carlson says.

Like his grandfather, Carlson quickly showed a love for music and learned to play the

fiddle by playing back what he heard.

As his talent progressed Carlson began classical violin lessons, to go along with his fiddling skills.

Carlson is currently earning his doctorate at the University of Iowa where he received undergraduate and master's degrees.

Carlson also plays the electric guitar, the mandolin, and the lap steel guitar.

He has written and recorded with the likes of the Cowboy Junkies and Nancy Griffith, and rock artist R.E.M.

In a reference letter, R.E.M. guitarist Peter Dinklage said to say about Carlson:

"In 1996, when my band, R.E.M., needed a violin solo, we thought so highly of Andy that

we flew him in from Iowa to play on a song of ours called Electrolite."

The song comes from the album "New Adventures in Hi-Fi."

The New York Times, in a review of touring graduates and faculty members from the University of Iowa, called Carlson a "demon fiddler."

Carlson says he found out about MSU through an article focusing on Cave Run Lake in a music fishing magazine. The avid fisherman sent a resume to MSU and was hired shortly after.

Carlson credits fiddler Mark O' Connor and his former teacher and mentor, Thomas Joiner, as major influences on his style of play.

The Belle of Amherst



Photo by Elizabeth Payne

Acclaimed actress, Judith Chapman portrayed Poet Emily Dickinson in the one-woman play, *The Belle of Amherst*, performed in Breckinridge Auditorium Thursday and Friday.

MAIL from front

a feeling inside" that he was to blame. She said Pitman forged the checks by signing her name before they were torn up.

Several residents said Pitman was a regular figure at the Regent's Hall desk until he was arrested because he grumbled worked there as a desk clerk.

Hopkins said the whole ordeal was frightening.

"It really creeps me out. It's pretty scary," Hopkins said.

Hopkins said, before the court order of no contact was issued, Pitman contacted her, and since the court order, Pitman's brother, Ron from Somerset has also contacted her.

Hopkins is scheduled to testify at the March 8 trial.

HICKS from front

to Morehead to record video depictions from most of the 36 people who sent letters to the Montana Judge vouching for Hicks' character.

Watson said it might be before

the trial, but if not he will come after, so he can use the video in sentencing.

Novelist to speak at symposium

Internationally known novelist Sharyn McCrumb and educator/social activist Dr. Elizabeth Brinson will serve as keynote speakers for the 1999 Wilma E. Grote Symposium for the Advancement of Women, which will be held March 7-9 at MSU.

McCrumb will speak at the symposium's opening reception on March 7 at 5 p.m. in the Cager Room of ADUC. Author of 16 books and numerous short stories, the author has had two of her novels, *The Rosewood Casket* and *She Walks These Hills*, on the New York Times Best Seller list.

A two-time recipient of the Best Appalachian Novel award for *The Hangman's Beautiful Daughter* and *Lovely in Her Bones*, McCrumb was honored by the Appalachian Writers Association in 1997 with the Award for Outstanding Contribution to Appalachian Literature.

A graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a master's degree in English from Virginia Tech, McCrumb has taught Journalism and Appalachian studies at Virginia Tech. She is currently a full-time novelist and lecturer.

McCrumb attributes her regard for books, her love of the Appalachian Mountains, and her gift of storytelling to her great-grandfathers, who were circuit preachers in North Carolina's Smoky Mountains a hundred years ago.

Educator, community organizer and social activist, Dr. Elizabeth Brinson will speak at the banquet on

March 8 at 6:30 p.m. also in the Cager Room. Her presentation is entitled, *Why Her Story Matters*. Dr. Brinson's career of public involvement began in 1960 with efforts to integrate lunch counters

and movie theaters in Greensboro, N.C. Since then, she has worked for racial equality, women's rights, civil liberties, economic justice and compassionate services for persons living with AIDS.

Currently teaching at the UK School of Medicine, Dr. Brinson formerly worked at the Virginia Commonwealth University Medical College of Virginia where she was co-director of a statewide program to recruit and train medical students for practice in medically underserved communities.

She is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and received her doctorate degree in American history with a concentration in American social movements from the Union Institute. She is one of the creators of Women's History Month which has been recognized by the U.S. Congress and most state legislatures.

Presently, Dr. Brinson serves as the director of the Kentucky Civil Rights Project for the Kentucky Historical Society and is doing research about Kentucky women who were active from 1910 to 1970 in the struggle to eliminate legal segregation.

Her film documentary, *The Common Wealth of Women*, a history of Virginia women, was a finalist in the 1985 American Film Academy Awards and was selected for international distribution by the U.S. Information Agency.

eight session of the Wilma E. Grote Symposium for the Advancement of Women. In keeping with the theme, *The Art of Being a Woman: Artistry, Creativity and Tradition in Women's Lives*, sessions will focus on inspiration for

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Police Report

Jan. 29
Susan Fultz, 19, Criqueuse. Citation: expired tags, no operators license.

Jan. 30
Troy Houshelt, 20, AT 302. Arrest: Alcohol intoxication.

Feb. 1
Jennifer Lea Wilke, 27, DeKalb, Ill. Citation: driving suspended license, expired tags.

Christopher Mahany, 18, Vanceburg. Citation: no headlight, no insurance, suspended operator's license, possessing operators license.

Feb. 2
Eric Ward, 24, Pickerington, Ohio. Citation: no insurance.

Bret Barker, 19, BH 312. Arrest: Possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia.

Feb. 5
Anthony Pitman, 21, Carmell. Arrest: arrest warrant, harassing communication. Arrest: warrant, theft/mail.

Feb. 10
Valerie Wagner, 44, Morehead. Arrest: Arrest warrant, Rowan District Court, two bench warrants, Bath District Court.

Eric Stevens, 19, Morehead. Citation: One headlight, no proof of insurance.

Feb. 11
Brian Adams, 20, Cincinnati. Citation: Disregarding stop sign, no insurance.

Feb. 12
Christy Watson, 18, Regents 126. Arrest: DUI under 21, failure to illuminate, driving on a permit with no licensed driver.

Senior Exit Test Schedule by Departments

Department	Date
Accounting, Economics and Finance	2/16/99
Information Systems	2/16/99
Management, Marketing and Real Estate	2/16/99
General Studies	2/17/99
Elementary, Reading and Special Education	2/17/99
Health, Physical Education and Recreation	2/18/99
Military Science	2/18/99
Psychology	2/18/99
Sociology, Social Work and Criminology	2/22/99
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Biological and Environmental Science	2/25/99
Human Sciences	2/24/99
Industrial Education and Technology	2/24/99
Mathematical Science	2/25/99
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EDITORIALS

MSU must ensure safety of campus mail

Two weeks ago an MSU student was charged with two counts of mail theft and two counts of harassing communications when he stole mail out of a female student's mailbox and sent harassing letters to her.

The student has been released on bond.

The student admitted to police that he had taken the girl's mail more than one occasion. Some letters he stole contained checks.

There's no question that crimes were committed. But the issue here seems to be the ease with which a student was able to steal another student's mail and what measures should be taken to prevent this from happening in the future.

This incident may leave students asking whether or not MSU's mailing and distribution system are adequate and safe.

First and foremost, students need to know how another student could gain access to their personal mailboxes. Who has access to mail when it is delivered to dorms? Who is responsible for putting it in mail boxes? What happens when it's put in the wrong box — does someone make sure it is rerouted safely? Are the resident hall mailboxes secure and well-maintained?

This isn't something to be taken lightly. Along with money, personal mail often contains documents that may contain social security numbers, credit card numbers and other important information.

In the wrong hands, information contained in students' private mail can spell disaster for them for months and years to come.

We urge administrators to carefully investigate this incident and to thoroughly review the campus mail system to ensure student mail is safe from carelessness and would-be thieves.

E.M.

Notable Quotes

"For a journalist freedom starts when he starts to tell the truth."

— Marcelo Zlotogwiazda
Argentine Editor — 1998

"I think censors do what only psychotics do. They tend to confuse illusion with reality."

— David Cronenberg
Motion Picture Director — 1992

"Journalism can never be silent . . . it must speak, and speak immediately, while the echoes of wonder, the claims of triumph and the signs of horror are still in the air."

— Henry Anatole Grunwald
Editor — 1983

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Commentary

Don't wait for someone else to fight battles

BY EMILY B. MOSES

OPINION EDITOR

Every day I listen to fellow students gripe and complain about this institution that we attend.

Here is a list of some of the most often heard gripes:

- Our education is being compromised by some unfit faculty.

- Our administration cares little about us as a student body.

- Food prices are sky high.

- Dorms are unfit to live in.

- Our technology lags far behind that of most other state institutions.

- Many campus buildings are still not handicap accessible.

- Though we're thankful for the

new 'S' lot, many students still complain about parking.

- We have limited access to our library and many times students can't find the information they need because it isn't there.

- Many campus computer labs are not equipped with up-to-date software or hardware.

- When students try to obtain information about ANYTHING they're sent all over campus and harassed by belligerent office workers before they find the answers they're looking for.

This column might seem directed toward the administration, and it is — partially, but not solely.

It's evident administrators seem to ignore many student concerns and requests to alleviate and diminish these and other problems. However, we have been aware of this for a long time now.

But many of us love this school and it's environment and want to stay and graduate from MSU.

So — it's time to stop the complaining. There is no point in bringing up problems and issues that affect every one of us as students if all we're willing to do is sit on our butts and gripe.

There is more we all can do together. We can have an impact on problems if we really want to and

we're willing to work for solutions.

Maybe we've been complaining to the wrong people. Maybe it's time to complain to the vice-presidents or to President Eglin.

Not so many years ago four communications students decided they were tired of the way things were around here. They voiced their concerns. They lead a protest in front of the administration building. They demanded and received results.

If changes were achieved once, it can happen again. The question is, who will step up to the challenge? Who cares enough?

I hope I'm not alone on this one!

Letters to the Editor

Students question sports writer

I would like to congratulate Gary Mullins on his excellent reporting; though it's easy to report the obvious. Mr. Mullins informs all of us in his article that "TV wrestling shouldn't be called sport," and indeed it isn't. As Vince McMahon, President of the WWF admitted in federal court, wrestling is not a sport, but rather sports entertainment. Wrestling has not tried to deny this, nor will the more intelligent of its fans, who also, according to Mullins, "made idols of themselves." Mr. Mullins goes on to tell us that wrestling, specifically the WWF's Halftime Heat, disgraced the Super Bowl. But wrestling fans making idols of themselves? Maybe Mr. Mullins has never watched the crowd at a football game, with the pointed, shirtless bodies in tan-

degree weather, or the chants and yell.

Later in his article, Mr. Mullins tells us what a real sport involves, such as "hard work, dedication," and so on. Is there anyone out there who can tell me that Stone Cold Steve Austin didn't have to work hard to do the things he does in the ring? I suppose Mr. Mullins thinks that a huge muscular body happens lounging around eating pork rinds with a remote control in one hand and a beer in the other. Does he think that you just walk in one day and ask to wrestle on national television, or just maybe does it take long years of working your way up to the top, something most of us would call dedication. Mr. Mullins then tells us that wrestling is scripted, and a "staged display." I hate to break it to you, but so is cheerleading, ballet, and dance; is he telling our cheerleaders that they have no dedication and didn't put any hard work into winning their national championships?

My final point is really a question. Did anyone force Mr. Mullins to watch Halftime Heat? There were all kinds of other shows on that he could have watched. Mr. Mullins could have watched the Super Bowl halftime show. Classless on NBC, or any number of other programs.

Maybe he should stick to the show he seems to know the most about, Red Shoe Diaries, if you smell what the Rock is cooking!

Michael D. Lefler
This letter contained the signatures of three of people.

WHAT'S YOUR OPINION?

The Trail Blazer welcomes readers responses in its letters column. Letters should be 400 words or less, signed, and include the writer's address and phone number (for verification purposes only). Letters must be received in The Trail Blazer office (Room 102 Breckinridge Hall) by 4 p.m. Friday for the next week's publication. Letters are printed as received. However, The Trail Blazer reserves the right to edit for clarity, brevity and legal considerations.

CAMPUS COMMENT

What precautions do you take, if any, when protecting your e-mail account?



John Beckham
Sophomore
Chemical Engineering
"I change my password twice a month. That's about all you can do."



Tammy Stadelman
Junior
Communications
"I seldom use my e-mail."



Allen Walborn
Junior
Agriculture
"I don't take any precautions."



Cindy Sloan
Freshman
Math
"I don't give my address out to just anybody."



Alluvia Miller
Freshman
University Studies
"I didn't know I had an e-mail account until the other day, so none."

Food servers want better tips

Off-campus workers receive less than minimum wage

BY KIM WALTERS
STAFF WRITER

Many MSU students work as food servers in local restaurants to help pay for school. Some say most local customers don't know the proper amount to tip at the end of a meal.

Lovella Lancetta, a junior marketing major, works at Iva's Cafe in the Holiday Inn. She says her tips from customers depend on part of the season of the year.

"We depend on the hotel. If the hotel is booked their business might pick up in the restaurant. It all depends on the season," says Lancetta.

The busiest time for Iva's is during the summer and spring months,

when people go to Cave Run Lake for vacation and stay in the hotel, says Lancetta.

Paul McKim, a senior exercise science major, says he makes pretty good tips working for Boomerangs restaurant.

"I don't claim to be the best server. I try to have fun with the customers. I enjoy people and that helps with tips," says McKim.

He says the restaurant has high and low seasons like Iva's Cafe.

Sabrina Hulvey, a junior physician assistant major, has worked at Shoney's in Morehead for two years. She says she gets aggravated when customers don't tip well.

They don't realize that servers don't even receive minimum wage

in pay from the restaurant, she says.

"I depend on my tips for bills and for spending money," says Hulvey.

Lancetta earns \$2.30 per hour in pay. She says she saves her tips for bills and groceries.

"Bills sometimes have to be delayed," says Lancetta.

"I break even when I work a party, either catering or a large party in the restaurant. Sometimes it's easier work and I get more in tips than I would in the restaurant," she says.

Most of the time the gratuity is included in the total bill for the party and is split among the servers working the party, she says.

Amanda Turner, sophomore,

says she used to tip just a dollar but then realized that servers don't make minimum wage.

"I can't believe that servers make under minimum wage. Now I think I'll start to tip more," says Turner.

Mary Short, freshman, says servers should get paid more because they do more work than they are paid for.

"I give 15 percent, unless I get bad service. If the server checks on me frequently through the meal it is good service. If they don't smile, mess up with my order and don't fix it, it is bad service," says Short.

Ray McCleese, a manager and



Destinee Whitaker, a junior ad/pr major, waits on customers at Cutter's hoping to receive a tip for her service.

bar tender for Laredos in Maysville, says, "People don't pay just part of their electric bill. When they go out to eat they should pay for their entire meal, including at least an 8

percent tip." Kristie Doll, freshman accounting major, says she always tips 15 percent no matter what kind of service she receives.

MSU offers Black History activities

Students celebrate African-American heritage

BY VANESSA MILLER
STAFF WRITER

AND ANTHONY D. BURNS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Throughout the month of February, several MSU offices will host events in observance of Black History Month.

The offices of Minority Student Affairs, Student Government and the Student Activities Office have planned activities in honor of the month. They have put together a number of activities.

Peggy Overly, Minority Student Affairs coordinator, says Black History Month is a way of "telling the whole story" about the contributions of blacks in American history.

For a long time our (Black History) has been kept from the mainstream, Overly says. She says people weren't ready to accept the stories.

"It's very exciting. I think it is time for healing to take place in this country. I think this country needs to acknowledge that Black History

is not just an (African-American) history, but it is American history," Overly says.

Tonight Dr. Julia Hare will present *Culture and Consciousness: The Spriggle Continues*, at 8 p.m. in the Cramer Room of ADUC.

The event is sponsored by MSU's Office of Student Minority Student Affairs.

On Feb. 22, the Alkebulan Dance team will perform and hold a workshop.

At first the African dance

ensemble, will assemble in the Cramer Room of ADUC and instruct those wanting to learn more about their routine.

Two dances will be taught during the workshop, their routine and aerobics.

Later that evening in Button Auditorium, the ensemble will give a live performance of their dance routine.

The performance is set to begin at 7 p.m.

On Feb. 23, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will host its annual Blackology.

The event lists together pertinent Black history facts as a game show, according to sorority members.

Some participants are chosen from the audience. Blackology will be held in ADUC at 8 p.m.

At 8 p.m. on Feb. 24, the movie *Ships of Slaves: The Middle Passage* will be shown in the Commonwealth Room in ADUC. The movie will be followed by a discussion period and refreshments will be served.

The observance of Black History Month will allow the community to become better informed with the accomplishments, stories and history that encompasses Black America, Overly says.

All activities are free and open to the public. For more information contact the Minority Student Affairs Office.

What is with this crazy weather?



Photo by Chris Lehigh

Students in William Salazar's MSU 101 class enjoyed the unseasonably warm weather and sunshine last Thursday by having a class meeting under a shade tree outside of Breckinridge Hall.

SGA announces date for concert ticket sales

BY KIM WALTERS
STAFF WRITER

The Student Government Association announced that Goo Goo Doll concert tickets go on sale Mar. 1 at the Student Activities Office.

At the SGA meeting, Holly DeMint, vice-president for programming, announced that the tickets will be \$10 for students and \$15

for non-students.

DeMint said that tickets can also be purchased at Mainstreet Music, Gold Emporium, and Martin's Department stores.

Only one proposal was presented in the meeting. It was passed by the SGA congress.

The proposal was presented by the Legislative and Fiscal Affairs

Committee requesting SGA congress to allot \$400 to pay for meals and transportation for the Panhellenic Council Members who will attend the South Eastern Panhellenic Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

Janelle Dixon, a panhellenic representative, said that four members are attending and they will stay

two nights. The members will travel with the University of Kentucky and Transylvania University, said Dixon.

Michelle Francis, president of SGA, announced that a representative will attend the next SGA meeting to discuss the problems concerning food services in Alumni Tower and ADUC.

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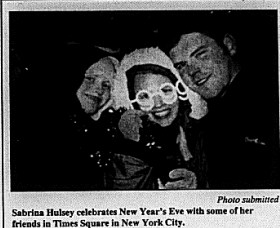


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Sabrina Hulseley celebrates New Year's Eve with some of her friends in Times Square in New York City.

Guest to speak at teaching symposium

Dr. Robert Sexton has been the executive director of the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence since its creation in 1983. Involved at various levels of education, he has been a high school teacher, college administrator and served as the deputy director of the Kentucky Council on Higher Education.

He will share his experiences with others in the field when he speaks at the fourth session of the *Teaching the Teachers for the 21st Century: a Morehead State University Symposium* on Feb. 19. His address will begin at 3 p.m. in 419 Reed Hall and will be broadcast live on KET's Star Channel 705.

In his comments, Dr. Sexton may include a status report on a task force organized by the Prichard Committee that is studying the results of education reform in the state. The Committee is a non-partisan citizens' advocacy group dedicated to the improvement of education in the state.

Dr. Sexton's influence also has

been seen in the organization of various programs in the state: as founder of the Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program and the Commonwealth Institute for Teachers, founder and president of the Kentucky Center for Public Issues, publisher of *The Kentucky Journal* and has served as chairman of the Carnegie Center for Literacy and Learning in Lexington.

In addition to numerous leadership roles in the state, Dr. Sexton has been president of the American Association for Higher Education and the Coalition for Alternatives in Postsecondary Education. He also serves on the Education Commission of the States and the boards of Editorial Projects in Commission of the States and Editorial Projects in Education, publishers of *Education Week* and *Teacher Magazine*.

A graduate of Yale University, Dr. Sexton earned a Ph.D. degree in history from the University of Washington. A visiting scholar at Harvard University, he is the recipient of the Charles A. Dana Award for Pioneering Achievement.

New Year's in New York a blast

Students go to Times Square to watch the ball drop

BY JENNIFER SEWELL

STAFF WRITER

Attending MTV's New Year's Eve Bash in New York City was a pleasant surprise for junior biology major Sabrina Hulseley. "I really didn't know I was going until about a week after we were off for Christmas," says Hulseley.

She said a friend, Steve Holland, whom she met while working at Cedarpoint after high school, called her to wish her a Merry Christmas and suggested she and her sister travel to the big apple with him and his roommate to celebrate the new year.

"We stayed with Steve's aunt and uncle instead of a hotel," says Hulseley.

Upon arriving at Grand-Central Station, they headed for Times Square where Dick Clark was

beginning his live telecast.

"It was crowded, but exciting as everyone began counting down to midnight," says Hulseley. "We borrowed a man's cell phone and called Steve's grandmother and begged her to tape us. I never thought I would ever be on television."

The MTV speakers were blasting Prince and the lighted ball began to drop," says Hulseley.

Hulseley says there were people drinking and smoking pot through their new years blowhorns and police were concerned about out-breaks in the crowd.

While standing in the third row behind the MTV podium, they were introduced to several MTV bands and "We met Carson, Jesse, Dave, Aaliyah, and Kid Rock," says

Hulseley. "Jesse was so crazy. His hair was everywhere and I think he would be cute if he shaved his head. He seemed to really enjoy the crowd."

"I could see where the V's play the top requested songs of the day in the MTV studio," says Hulseley. "It was really neat to meet Carson."

Hulseley says the vendors were the coolest part of New York.

"We bought 1999 glasses and were handed balloons to be lifted into the air," says Hulseley. "I felt sorry for the vendors because the cops were kicking them off the streets."

After the bash, they went to Macy's and visited the Ghostbuster's Museum. On the way home, they stopped to see Niagara Falls.

"It was beautiful," says Hulseley.

"The temperature was about 20 or below. My camera was frozen and I was forced to defrost my lens in the car."

Hulseley says the trip was cold, but definitely worthwhile.

"I wore three pairs of socks, thermal underwear, a sweater, jeans, a robe, and a parka while standing on the street," says Hulseley.

Hulseley says she would most certainly return to New York, but perhaps after the millennium begins.

"Hotels are already advertising for reservations for next year's bash," says Hulseley. They are expecting around one million spectators to ring in the year 2000. "This trip is the best I've ever experienced. It totally beats Spring Break."

Fraternity member receives award

Randy Lillard, a member of the Kentucky Zeta chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity at MSU has been awarded the J. Edward Zollinger Outstanding Senior Award.

Lillard, who earned a Bachelor of Science degree from MSU in December, is currently a graduate student at Georgia Institute of Technology. He is the son of Sandy and Bob Adams of Union and Ronnie and Mary Lillard of Dry Ridge.

The award is presented to the outstanding senior in each of the 24 districts of the fraternity. Lillard was selected from District 13, Kentucky and Tennessee. The honor is given for exceptional scholastic achievement, fraternity and campus leadership and community involvement. The recipient is chosen by the fraternity district governor.

In addition to the award, the outstanding senior's chapter is given a \$500 scholarship for a sophomore who possesses potential for a future leadership role in the chapter and on campus.

MSU's Kentucky Zeta chapter will select a sophomore to receive this honor to be awarded by the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation.

The Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity was established in Richmond, Va., in 1901, with the mission statement, Building Balanced Leaders for America's Communities. The MSU Kentucky Zeta Chapter was chartered April 25, 1970.

Eagle Events

SGA MEETING: Feb. 17, SGA will hold a weekly meeting in the Biggle Room of ADUC at 5 p.m.

SYMPOSIUM: Feb. 19, A teacher education symposium featuring Dr. Robert Sexton will be held in 419 Reed Hall at 3:15 p.m.

FREE MOVIE: Feb. 19, MSU students with a valid I.D. receive free admission to the University Cinema.

KIDS KRAZE: Feb. 20, SGA will sponsor Kids Kraze Day to be held all day at various locations.

BASEBALL: Feb. 20, MSU Eagles vs. Indiana University-Southeast at Allen Field at 2 p.m.

BASKETBALL: Feb. 20, The Lady Eagles vs. Tennessee Tech at 5:45 p.m. in the AAC.

BASKETBALL: Feb. 20, MSU Eagles vs. Tennessee Tech at 8 p.m. in the AAC.

BASEBALL: Feb. 21, MSU Eagles vs. Wilmington College at Allen Field at 2 p.m.

WORKSHOP: Feb. 22, Alkebulan African Dancers Dance Workshop will be given in the Crager Room of ADUC at 4 p.m.

DANCE SHOW: Feb. 22, Alkebulan African Dancers will present a show in Burton Auditorium at 7 p.m.

BASEBALL: Feb. 23, MSU Eagles vs. Dayton in a double-header at Allen Field at 1 p.m.

PLAY: Feb. 23-28, "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" will be presented in Kibbey Theatre at 8 p.m. the 23-27 and 2 p.m. the 28.

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The Dawgs headed for a championship

By Gary Mullins

Sports Columnist



Anyone growing up in Eastern Kentucky was brought up either to be a Cincinnati Bengals fan or a Cleveland Browns fan.

As a result of my proper upbringing, I became a Browns fan. On Monday, the Browns had their busiest shopping day to date since they were resurrected from the dead.

Browns general manager, Carmen Policy, was able to sign Baltimore's offensive tackle Orlando Brown and Minnesota's defensive back Cory Fuller.

On Tuesday, the Browns closed a deal with Buffalo for line-backer Chris Spielman.

On top of that, the Browns are talking to quarterback Warren Moon, a proven winner in his position.

And as an added bonus, Kentucky quarterback Tim Couch will be in Cleveland later this week. Many experts believe he will be Cleveland's first pick in this summer's rookie draft.

Do you know what makes all of these moves significant? They are transactions that should make the Browns contenders in the AFC Central Division in a very short time.

It moves like this and the acquisition of players like corner Antonio Langham and tail-back Jerris McPhail that makes Cleveland an organization other teams might want to emulate.

Such as the Bengals. Maybe Cincinnati General Manager Mike Brown needs to do as an internship under Policy and Dwight Clark in Cleveland to get an idea of how to build a winning team.

If I remember correctly, Cleveland's last game three seasons ago was a win over Cincinnati. I can almost guarantee you we will see two Cleveland wins over Cincinnati this year as well.

The Bengals can't even get their quarterbacking situation straight. They change QB's as often as Dennis Rodman changes his hair color.

What it boils down to is that the Bengals are a stagnated franchise with no promising future on the horizon.

After this season, their marquee player, runningback Corey Dillon, is a free-agent. My guess is that he will bolt the Queen City before thinking twice.

Just a few hours away at the "city by the lake" things will be booming with promise and the horizon in that city looks a lot brighter.

Macy praises junior forward's hard work

"Webb never slows down," says teammate

BY JENNIFER BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Jeremy Webb, junior forward for the Eagle basketball team, says competition is the best thing about basketball.

Webb signed with Morehead at the beginning of his senior year of high school at West Carter in Olive Hill.

"I thought it was a great honor to receive a scholarship from a Division I school," says Webb.

Last season for the Eagles, Webb hit double figures in 13 of the last 14 games. He also made 41.4 percent of his three-point shots.

"Jeremy never slows down," says sophomore Dewayne Krom, Webb's teammate and roommate. "He is a hustler on the court and he has out-

standing defensive abilities. He always helps get our minds off of the battles that we face on the court."

Cochs Kyle Macy says Webb "Plays hard every game and he shows the best of his abilities. Jeremy is a really good kid on and off of the court, he works hard in the classroom, and he is a great role model for younger kids."

Webb says he enjoys traveling to away games.

"I really enjoy the break from school and it gives me a chance to spend more time with my teammates."

But Webb says juggling school work with basketball playing is sometimes difficult.

"It is really hard trying to keep up in my classes," Webb says. "I usually

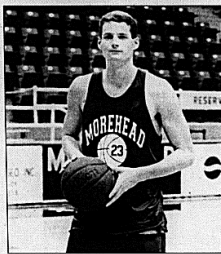
just borrow notes from someone in my class and study those."

In high school, Webb was selected as a member of the third team All-State squad in the Louisville Courier Journal. He was also named to the 16th Region All-Area team for three years, was two-time Eastern Kentucky Conference Player of the Year, and a two-time Defensive Player of the Year.

Webb averaged 18 points and 13 rebounds as a high school senior.

Webb is majoring in health and physical education and hopes to pursue a teaching career after college and says he might want to coach basketball someday.

In his career, Webb hit on 40-96 three while here at MSU.



Jeremy Webb

Eagles win big over rival Eastern Kentucky

BY GARY MULLINS
SPORTS EDITOR

The Morehead State basketball team (10-14) on Saturday cruised to victory over Eastern Kentucky 91-69.

The win is MSU's seventh victory in OVC play this season against eight opponents.

Freshman forward Erik Brown led MSU's assault with 32 points, seven rebounds, and four assists.

Junior off-guard Brad Cleaver also played an outstanding game posting 12 points while dishing out 13 assists.

Kyle Umberger and Scott Charity played solid for the Eagles

in the paint combining for 27 points and 11 rebounds.

With two games left on this year's docket — both conference games — the Eagles are in a position to get a home play-off game.

If Tennessee State and Eastern Illinois both lose at least one game this week and MSU wins both of its games, the Eagles will move into



Erik Brown

fourth place and earn home court advantage.

Both of this week's opponents currently stand higher in the OVC standings. Luckily, for MSU, both con-

ference games are at home, a place where the Eagles seem to play their best basketball.

Middle Tennessee comes to town Feb. 18, and on Feb. 20 Tennessee State rolls into Johnson Arena.

Currently both teams stand at

Marshall State 15-1
SEMO 13-1
Tenn. St. 8-8
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National Sports Briefs

Baseball: Shortstop Rey Ordonez avoided arbitration by agreeing to a \$1.65 million, one-year pact with the New York Mets. Ordonez, 27, was his second consecutive gold glove last season.

Broadcasting: Long time NBA announcer Mary Albert will be TNT's new play-by-play man starting this April. Albert, who was fired from NBC in 1997 where he pleaded guilty to hiring a woman in the back in a hotel room, will also broadcast Turner's Goodwill Games and boxing and possibly the new summer football league it hopes to launch with NBC in 2000.

Soccer: Veteran - German national team star, Lothar Matthaus

could be coming to Major League Soccer for the 2000 season. Matthaus, 37, told U.S. Today that he will consider the young North American league when his contract with Bayern Munich expires in June 2000. In that interview Matthaus said he would be most interested in playing for New York or Los Angeles.

Boxing: WBC welterweight champion Oscar Del La Hoya (30-0, 24 ko's) won a split decision late Saturday night over Ike Quartey (34-1, 29 ko's) of Ghana. In the 12th round Del La Hoya floored Quartey and at one point hit him with 17 straight punches. Proceeding the fight there were already talks of a rematch.

NFL: The Washington Redskins signed former Minnesota Vikings quarterback Brad Johnson to a contract. The Redskins signed Johnson as a result of losing would-be starting quarterback Tim Lincecum. Green signed with St. Louis for \$16.5 million.

Also, the Cleveland Browns signed former Minnesota Vikings comeback Corey Fuller.

Rugby: England center Austin Healy received a 21-day suspension on Monday for stomping the of London Irish scrum half Kevin Pugh during a match last Saturday. Rugby Football Union penalties for stomping can range from three weeks to six months.

EATING DISORDER WEEK

February 22-25, 1999

Monday - Forum on Eating Disorders

East Room A, ADUC, 7-9 P.M.

Tuesday - "Walking Shadows"

Commonwealth Room, ADUC, 7 P.M.

Walking Shadows is a play composed of a series of interwoven monologues presented by eating disordered individuals seeking to become part of a Support Group. The characters share the experiences that define their disordered eating and that shed light on the reasons they developed these problems as well as on their potential for recovery.

Wednesday - Eating Disorders Info and Screening Program

East Room A & B, ADUC, 4:30 - 6:30 P.M.

A nationally utilized paper and pencil-screening tool will be completed by participants and evaluated by counselors. An educational session and materials will also be provided.

Thursday - Green Ribbon Day

Information Booth, Second floor, ADUC

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Beatty continues to set new MSU track records

BY CHRIS LENHOF
STAFF WRITER

When junior Amy Beatty was recruited by MSU Cross Country Coach Dan Lindsey, she set a few goals for herself.

Beatty says she wants to win an O.V.C. title, both as an individual and as a team. She also wants to compete for the National Championships and get her personal best time for the 5000 down to a 16:40.

Close friend, roommate and teammate Gretchen Felck says, "Amy is so determined. She will accomplish whatever she wants to accomplish, no matter what the obstacles."

Beatty, a Beaver Creek, Ohio, psychology major, says she has been running competitively since she was 8 years old. "It was something that I enjoyed doing, so I stuck with it," says Beatty.

Beatty, has already hit several

high marks in her running career. She holds four MSU track records. She broke the cross country season record this fall running 5000 meters in 17:54.

This month, she has broken three track and field records. Beatty is the first woman in MSU history to break the 17-minute barrier when she ran a 16:54 at Purdue, breaking her previous record set at East Tennessee State the week before.

Beatty also holds the record in the 3000 and the mile. She is the first MSU woman to break 10 minutes in the 3000, and her record in the mile is 5:07.

Beatty says her only inspiration is to make herself better by hard work.

She says, after college, she and Felck plan to train for the Ironman Triathlon in Hawaii.

The Ironman Triathlon event includes swimming 2.4 miles, biking 112 miles and finishing with a

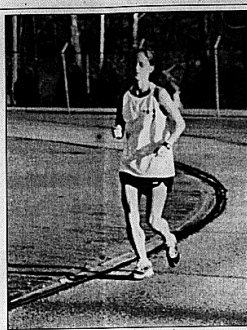


Photo by Chris Lenhoff

Track standout Amy Beatty is the first woman runner in MSU history to break the 17-minute barrier in the 5000.

Reds boost roster with off-season deals

Spring training is here for Major League Baseball and the first team that will be taking the field is the Cincinnati Reds.

Pitchers and catchers began arriving for the Reds this past Tuesday.

The normally cost-conscious Reds were busy in the off-season due mostly to plans to the efforts of general manager Jim Bowden.

Bowden made a move for a new ace for the pitching staff when he acquired Jeff Denny Neagle from the Atlanta Braves along with outfielder Michael Tucker for second baseman Brett Boone and left-handed reliever Mike Renteria. The Reds also acquired pitcher Steve Avery, first baseman Hal Morris, and catcher Brian Johnson. Those moves prelude the biggest move of the off season when Bowden traded for slugger Greg Vaughn.

Last season Vaughn hit 50 homers for San Diego on his to helping the club to the World Series.

The Reds, who usually don't allow facial hair, decided on Monday to permit Vaughn to keep his goatee as part of his welcoming party.

Other marquee players changing uniforms this season include: Randy Johnson moving to Arizona, Albert Belle signing with Baltimore, Rafael Palmeiro rejoining Texas, Mo Vaughn crossing the country to play with Anaheim and Roberto Alomar joining his brother in Cleveland.

Three teams will have new managers this season: Davey Johnson in L.A., Jim Leyland left Florida for Colorado, and John Boles takes over the Marlins.

Ladies beat ECU in double-overtime

Kellough knotes a career-high 23 points against Colonels

BY CHUCK GREENSLATE
STAFF WRITER

The Morehead State Lady Eagles basketball team (5-19) overcame both the agony of defeat and the jubilation of victory last week, as they followed up a loss at Belmont (17-8) with a double-overtime win against arch-rival, Eastern Kentucky (11-12).

MSU traveled to Nashville, Tennessee last Thursday where they came up on the short end of a 69-53 contest at Belmont.

The win improved the Lady Brains to 17-8.

Freshman guard, Heidi Dawson led Morehead State with 12 points. She was followed closely by teammate Vette Robinson who added 11. Megan Kellough and Diana Vardjian each turned in 9.

Even though, a pair of Lady Eagles scored in double digits, the MSU squad, as a whole, found buckets hard to come by.

Morehead State shot less than 28 percent from the field Thursday night, and they were also out-rebounded 48-39.

One Lady Eagle who didn't have a rough time hauling in the boards was Celia Brazley. For the third consecutive outing, the junior's rebounding total targeted into double digits.

Brazley managed to pull down 10 boards in MSU's losing effort.

Junior guard Dominique Mitchell dished out five assists for the Lady Eagles at Belmont and continued to find her open teammates Dawson against ECU.

Mitchell and Dawson combined for 13 assists in Morehead State's

103-99 double overtime win over Eastern Kentucky.

Several MSU hoopers lifted up the points in this contest.

Sophomore Megan Kellough led the blue and gold by knocking up a new career-high of 23 points.

Vette Robinson chalked up 21 markers. While, Freshman Heidi Dawson, and Margaret Klee each added 15.

They Lady Eagles trailed nearly the entire first half but picked things up in the second.

MSU built a double digit lead but couldn't hold on.

The Lady Colonels roared back to tie the game and send it into overtime.

One extra session wasn't expected," says Donshefski. "And it turned out to be a lot of fun."

Donshefski says he has gotten to meet Buddy Landelle, a WCW wrestler through wrestling with UWA.

"I wrestle whoever the promoters put me up against," says Donshefski. "There are no weight

limits to battle with their conference foe for five more minutes.

Morehead State jumped up on ECU and maintained a four-point edge until the buzzer sounded ending the second over-time period.

The win improved the Lady Eagles overall record to 5-19 and boosted their Ohio Valley Conference mark to 3-13.

Eastern Kentucky fell to 11-12 overall, 8-8 in the conference.

The Lady Eagles still have a shot at making the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament.

In order to do so, they need to win their final two games and hope that Austin Peay loses out.

Morehead State's next contest is this Thursday against Middle Tennessee State.

The Lady Eagles regular season finale is Saturday versus Tennessee Tech.

Both contests are at Johnson Arena, and each tip off at 5:45 p.m.

Student joins pro-wrestling circuit

BY STEVE BLACK
STAFF WRITER

Not many people noticed Brian Donshefski when he was growing up in Wilkesbarre, Pa.

He wasn't the most active guy, only playing high school football.

But since coming to MSU, Donshefski has become much more noticeable.

The freshman sports management major has taken up professional wrestling.

Donshefski says he has watched

pro-wrestling all his life, learning from the greats such as Andre the Giant, Iron Sheik, and Sgt. Slaughter.

When he first came to Morehead, he said he saw a sign for a pro-wrestling event and decided to go watch it with some friends.

At that event, he said he met one of the people who gets wrestlers for the UWA New Wave event and the guy asked him and his friends if they had ever

thought about wrestling.

Donshefski got involved and last month wrestled in his first match.

"I knew it was hard to do, but I turned out to be even harder than I expected," says Donshefski. "And it turned out to be a lot of fun."

Donshefski says he has gotten to meet Buddy Landelle, a WCW wrestler through wrestling with UWA.

"I wrestle whoever the promoters put me up against," says Donshefski. "There are no weight

classes."

He says the wrestlers practice every Sunday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Donshefski recently participated in a pro-wrestling tournament held at Morehead's Carl Perkins Center.

MSU baseball starts this weekend at home

Coach John Jarrigan's Morehead State baseball team is scheduled to begin its 1999 season Saturday as IU-Southeast rolls into

Allen Field for a 2 p.m. showdown. The Eagles will then entertain Wilmington College Sunday afternoon at two.

MSU only has a day's rest before returning to action. The Eagles are slated to host Dayton Tuesday at 1 p.m.

The two Gibbs Racing entries of Bobby Labonte and rookie Tony Stewart each had early exits from Sunday's race because of problems under their hoods.

Despite his premature paring, Stewart still was awarded the Ray-Ban Rookie of the Race.

The Jack Roush Racing team suffered from weak valve springs.

And even, runner-up Earnhardt struggled early on with an ignition problem.

Sunday's race marked the start of the 1999 Winston Cup season, and the circuit's second event looms in the balance.

The next race will be this Sunday in Rockingham, N.C. at North Carolina Motor Speedway.

Numerous other drivers suffered from mechanical failures.



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Gordon steals victory in 500 ; Wallace falters in final laps

BY JOY TIREY
EDITOR

Defending NASCAR Winston Cup Champion Jeff Gordon added a second Daytona 500 crown to his resume Sunday.

The two-time series champ became the first driver to win The Great American Race from the pole since Bill Elliott accomplished the feat in 1987.

Gordon collected a purse of \$2,172,246 for his work at the Daytona International Speedway. That sum included his third \$1 million Winston 500 Bull bonus in the last two years.

While Rusty Wallace led 104 of the race's 200 laps, Gordon was able to put his multi-colored

machine up front when it counted.

He blew past Wallace with ten laps left and held off last year's Day 500 winner, Dale Earnhardt, to the checkered flag.

Kenny Irwin finished third. Mike Skinner held down the fourth slot. And, Michael Waltrip rounded out the top five.

Sunday's worst accident occurred on lap 136 and involved a dozen drivers. The accident began when the Ford of Dale Jarrett and teammate Kenny Irwin made contact in the third turn.

Jarrett, Terry Labonte, Ricky Rudd and Mark Martin were some of the competitors involved.

Numerous other drivers suffered from mechanical failures.